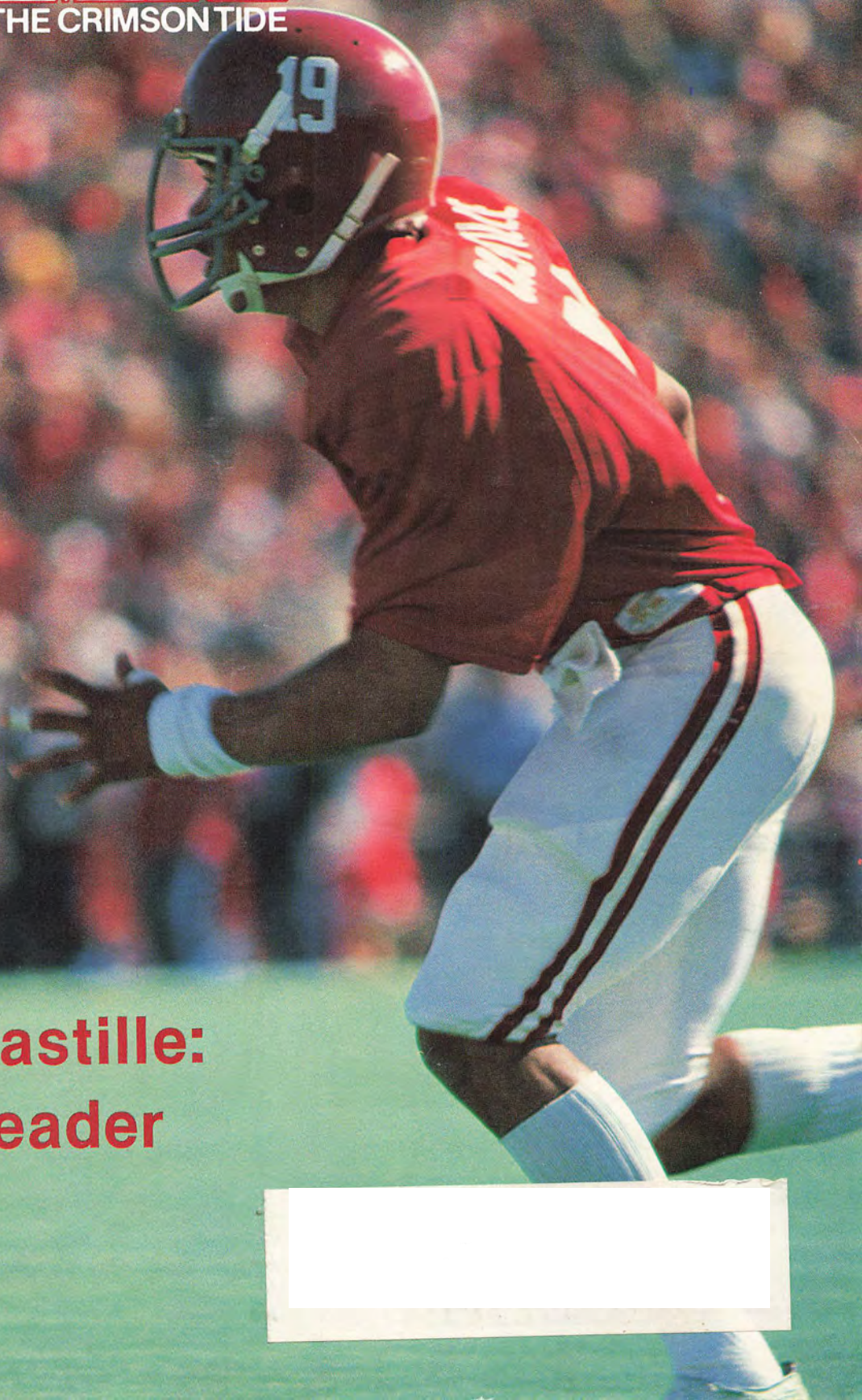


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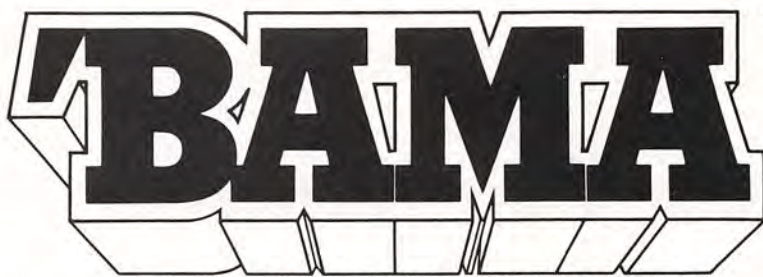
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'Tis the Season:

Tide Readies For Tech And Beyond

by Kirk McNair

Coach Bryant is regularly seen on Alabama television sets in commercials for the telephone company, and Bama's first major scrimmage of fall work seemed to borrow its theme from long distance—"Reach Out and Touch Someone." Alabama's scrimmage two weeks prior to the Georgia Tech opener included an unusual ground rule: no tackling.

Everything else was full speed, but when a defender got into position to make the tackle he was merely to touch the ball carrier. (From time-to-time training over-

whelmed instruction and a few of the "touches" were more than a little emphatic.)

The tactic is not completely foreign to Alabama football preparation. Much of the work in day-to-day practice includes concluding a play prior to the tackle with quick whistles. And a few years ago Bama conducted a spring A-day game in which the quarterbacks were protected.

Following the workout the players were in good spirits, joking about various aspects of the scrimmage. "The fraternity

teams will probably want to challenge us to a touch football game now," said one. "(Jimmy) Watts set a new Alabama record with the longest interception return for a touchdown in a touch game," said another. But Alabama coaches—coach Bryant included—thought the practice was a good one.

Bama has suffered with numerous nagging injuries and the Tide coaching staff wants as many able bodies as possible as the nitty-gritty of preparation gets under way for Georgia Tech and the rest of the schedule. The early part of Bama drills is primarily fundamentals—technique, alignment and execution. Within a week of the first game and thereafter through the season the emphasis is on game plan, getting ready for the next opponent.

Generally speaking, Alabama's team returned in excellent condition, but the first day in pads left the Tide wounded. More than a half dozen frontline troops were unable to participate in the second contact workout and by the end of the first week—which was conducted in absolutely steamy weather—about a dozen top performers had missed some of the work. Barring further injury most were expected back for the fine tuning the squad needs for its opener. There is some advantage having veterans miss work: it allows more time for working with younger players. Additionally, those who have been through a season or more of play will have little difficulty in getting back to the swing of things when they do return. The biggest question mark following the first week was Jeremiah Castille, the All-SEC defensive back (see Page 17). Jeremiah suffered a



Alabama head coach Paul Bryant is driving his golf cart as he watches this edition of the Crimson Tide, but he could hardly be accused of driving his players very hard following a touch scrimmage.

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1982 Alabama Football Roster

No.	Name, Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp	Born	Hometown	High School
1	Paul Fields, QB	6-0	195	Jr.	Sq.	2-7-62	Gardendale	Gardendale
2	Terry Sanders, K	6-2	175	So.	1L	8-31-62	Birmingham	Berry
3	Peter Kim, PK	5-8	160	Sr.	2L	4-11-59	Honolulu, HI	Kaiser
4	Joey Jones, WR	5-9	165	Jr.	2L	10-29-62	Mobile	Murphy
6	Malcolm Simmons, P	6-4	200	Jr.	1L	5-18-61	Montgomery	Jeff Davis
7	Jerrill Sprinkle, DB	6-1	185	Sr.	2L	1-18-60	Chamblee, GA	Sequoyah
8	Paul Trodd, PK	5-11	155	Jr.	1L	3-27-61	Eufaula	Lakeside Academy
9	Rodney Jarmon, B	6-2	180	Fr.	—	7-27-63	Florence	Coffee
10	Walter Lewis, QB	6-1	209	Jr.	2L	4-26-62	Brewton	T. R. Miller
11	Ken Coley, QB	5-11	185	Sr.	3L	1-24-61	Birmingham	Erwin
13	Ricky Colbert, DB	6-1	190	So.	Sq.	12-28-62	Atmore	Escambia Co.
15	Tommy Wilcox, DB	5-11	195	Sr.	3L	7-30-59	Harahan, LA	Bonnabel
16	Paul Ott Carruth, RB-DB	6-1	210	Jr.	1L	7-12-61	Summitt, MS	Parklane Academy
17	Craige Florence, DB	5-11	175	So.	1L	3-13-63	Enterprise	Enterprise
18	Perry Cuda, QB	6-2	192	So.	Sq.	8-18-62	Summerville, S.C.	Summerville
19	Jeremiah Castille, DB	5-11	177	Sr.	3L	1-15-61	Phenix City	Central
20	Ken Simon, RB	6-1	202	Sr.	2L	11-22-60	Montgomery	Lee
21	Mike O'Toole, DB	5-9	160	Sr.	Sq.	3-9-61	Palmerdale	Pinson Valley
24	Mickey Guinyard, RB	6-0	210	So.	1L	10-26-63	Atlanta, GA	Westwood
25	Linnie Patrick, RB	5-10	185	Jr.	2L	8-20-62	Jasper	Walker Co.
26	Ricky Moore, FB	6-0	235	So.	1L	4-7-63	Huntsville	Lee
27	Jay Grogan, TE	6-2	220	Jr.	1L	3-26-62	Cropwell	Pell City
28	Stan Gay, DB	5-11	175	Sr.	1L	12-6-60	Tuskegee	Tuskegee Inst.
30	Darryl White, WR	5-11	166	Sr.	1L	1-21-61	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa
31	Mike Rodriguez, NG	6-3	250	Jr.	1L	12-5-61	Melbourne, FL	Eau Gallie
32	Roosevelt Wilder, FB	5-11	191	Jr.	Sq.	12-16-59	Macon, GA	Central
33	Rocky Colburn, DB	5-11	177	So.	Sq.	5-24-63	Cantonment, FL	Tate
34	Al Blue, DB	6-2	194	Jr.	1L	2-27-61	Maitland, FL	Edgewater
35	Jeff Fagan, RB	6-1	200	Sr.	3L	6-7-61	Hollywood, FL	Miramar
37	Earl Collins, FB	6-3	218	Sr.	2L	11-25-60	Mobile	Davidson
38	Charlie Williams, FB	5-11	238	Sr.	1L	11-24-59	Bessemer	Jess Lanier
39	Don Horstead, RB	5-10	213	So.	Sq.	8-6-62	Elba	Elba
40	Josh Henderson, DB	6-0	190	Sr.	Sq.	4-22-59	Panama City, FL	Bay
41	Jimmy Watts, LB	5-11	226	Jr.	1L	1-13-62	Gulf Breeze, FL	Gulf Breeze
42	Paul Tripoli, DB	6-0	185	Jr.	Sq.	12-14-61	Liverpool, NY	Central
43	Sammy Hood, DB	5-11	170	So.	Sq.	5-9-63	Ider	Ider
44	Craig Turner, FB	6-0	196	So.	Sq.	2-19-63	Gaithersburg, MD	Damascus
45	Scott McRae, LB	6-1	211	So.	Sq.	9-11-62	Huntsville	Huntsville
46	Joe Carter, RB	5-11	192	Jr.	2L	6-23-62	Starkville, MS	Starkville
49	Steve Booker, LB	6-2	212	Jr.	1L	5-10-62	Huntsville	Butler
50	Johnny Brooker, PK	6-1	205	Sr.	Sq.	10-30-59	Demopolis	Demopolis
51	Mike White, C	6-3	230	So.	Sq.	10-21-61	Decatur, GA	SW DeKalb
52	Anthony Smiley, DE	6-1	215	Jr.	1L	4-23-60	Pinson Valley	Pinson Valley
53	Todd Roper, LB	6-2	220	So.	Sq.	3-1-63	Snellville, GA	South Gwinnett
54	Wes Neighbors, L	6-2	235	Fr.	—	2-28-64	Huntsville	Huntsville
55	Mark Jackson, C	6-4	250	Jr.	1L	12-12-61	Houston, TX	Madison
56	Roosevelt Hill, LB	6-0	205	Jr.	Sq.	7-27-61	Newnan, GA	Newnan
57	Eddie Lowe, LB	5-11	190	Sr.	2L	2-1-60	Phenix City	Central
58	Steve Mott, C	6-3	250	Sr.	2L	3-24-61	New Orleans, LA	Shaw
62	Roy Rumbley, OT	6-2	240	Sr.	1L	10-15-60	Moss Point, MS	Moss Point
63	Doug Vickers, OG	6-3	248	Jr.	1L	1-4-62	Enterprise	Enterprise
65	Danny Holcombe, C	6-2	237	Sr.	2L	7-7-61	Marietta, GA	Wheeler
66	Jim Brock, OT	6-2	240	Jr.	1L	3-11-61	Montgomery	Jeff Davis
67	Joe Dismuke, OG	6-2	270	So.	Sq.	11-8-62	Gadsden	Southside
68	Gary Bramblett, OG	6-2	252	Sr.	3L	7-23-60	Dalton, GA	Dalton
69	Kurt Schmissrauter, OT	6-3	243	Jr.	1L	2-24-61	Chattanooga, TN	Notre Dame
70	Joe Beazley, OT	6-5	252	Sr.	3L	1-21-60	Woodbridge, VA	Woodbridge
71	Bob Cayavec, OT	6-2	252	Sr.	2L	7-9-60	Largo, FL	Largo
72	Willard Scissum, OG	6-3	260	So.	1L	10-28-62	Huntsville	Lee
73	Hardy Walker, OG	6-4	270	So.	1L	2-25-62	Huntsville	Grissom
74	Jim Ivy, OT	6-4	270	Jr.	Sq.	10-6-61	Birmingham	Huffman
75	Mike McQueen, OT	6-5	246	Jr.	1L	3-25-61	Enterprise	Enterprise
76	Mike Adcock, OG	6-3	245	Jr.	1L	1-14-62	Huntsville	Johnson
77	Chuck McCall, NG	6-3	245	So.	Sq.	12-22-62	Montgomery	Jeff Davis
78	Jon Hand, DT	6-7	280	Fr.	—	11-13-63	Sylacauga	Sylacauga
79	Brent Sowell, DT	6-5	256	So.	Sq.	3-27-63	Clearwater, FL	Clearwater
80	Joe Smith, WR	6-2	185	Fr.	—	7-9-64	Mobile	Murphy
81	Mike Pitts, DE	6-5	255	Sr.	2L	9-25-60	Baltimore, MD	Polytechnic
83	Larry Brown, TE	6-3	234	Sr.	3L	4-12-61	Pembroke Pines, FL	McArthur
84	Richard Wagner, DE	6-3	215	Jr.	Sq.	10-3-53	Ft. Payne	Ft. Payne
85	Dante Bramblett, DE	6-3	215	So.	Sq.	10-4-62	Morrow, GA	Forest Park
87	Larry Roberts, TE	6-4	216	Fr.	—	6-2-63	Dothan	Northside
88	Jesse Bendross, WR	6-1	185	Jr.	2L	5-19-61	Hollywood, FL	Miramar
89	Russ Wood, DE	6-3	218	Sr.	2L	6-3-61	Elba	Elba
91	David Gilmer, DT	6-4	242	Fr.	—	10-18-61	Attalla	Etowah
92	Emanuel King, DE	6-4	232	So.	Sq.	8-15-63	Leroy	Leroy
93	Scott Homan, TE	6-7	275	Sr.	3L	6-27-60	Elkhart, IN	Central
94	Tom McCrary, DT	6-5	265	So.	Sq.	8-9-61	Scottsboro	Scottsboro
95	John Elias, NG	6-2	239	Jr.	1L	8-25-61	Columbus, GA	Columbus
96	Randy Edwards, DT	6-4	255	Jr.	2L	3-9-62	Marietta, GA	Wheeler
97	Robbie Jones, LB	6-3	236	Sr.	3L	12-25-59	Demopolis	Demopolis
98	Jackie Cline, DT	6-5	274	Sr.	2L	3-13-60	McCalla	McAdory
99	Richard Shinn, DT	6-7	243	Sr.	1L	5-3-60	Columbiana	Shelby Co.

pulled muscle, then developed an infection which required his hospitalization.

Coach Bryant has some concerns. He worries that the team doesn't have enough speed, which would affect what should be a very good kicking game. He's concerned that Bama players aren't aggressive enough ("That's the way we were last year and that's not good enough"). But primarily he's concerned about getting his players healthy, and that was the reason for the no-tackle scrimmage. "I don't think we'd have gotten anything out of a regular practice and I think we did get something out of this," he said. "I'm glad we did it that way. We just have too great a shortage of people at some positions. And we're running short on time."

The scrimmage was one-sided. It was the Reds (first offense) and HHs (first defense) against the rest and the 38-0 score reflected the squad division. Walter Lewis capped a 49-yard drive (34 by Jeff Fagan) with a 10-yard run; Ricky Colbert blocked a punt by Terry Sanders and Roosevelt Hill caught it in mid-air and took it in on a 35-yard play; Lewis went 14 yards for a TD after setting it up with a 12-yard pass to Jesse Bendross; Watts in-

tercepted a pass by Paul Fields and went 79 yards for a score; Peter Kim (who kicked all five extra points) connected on a 47-yard field goal that would have been good from 60 yards out; and on the final play of the scrimmage Fields (who switched from the second team) hit Bendross at midfield and Bendross took it in on a 79-yard scoring play.

Remembering that some top Tiders didn't participate due to injuries, here are those who started for the first team: Offense—Split end Bendross, tight end Jay Grogan, tackles Joe Beazley and Bob Cayavec, guards Mike Adcock and Doug Vickers, center Steve Mott, quarterback Lewis, halfbacks Don Horstead and Fagan and fullback Ricky Moore. Defense—Ends Mike Pitts and Russ Wood, tackles Jackie Cline and Randy Edwards, noseguard John Elias, linebackers Robbie Jones and Hill, cornerbacks Craig Florence and Stan Gay, strong safety Jerrill Sprinkle and safety Paul Carruth.

The pre-season polls reflect approximately the same attitude as have Alabama players and coaches: this should be a good football team. In addition to the good condition in which the team reported

back, carry over from last season and from spring training appears good. The returning players know their assignments. In addition to the obvious importance of players knowing their assignments, it helps players perform their duties full speed, reacting to situations rather than having to puzzle them out and waste precious moments with inaction. As with most teams around the country, this is a veteran team with a great deal of experience at almost every position. And, more than just depth, it appears to be capable depth.

Quickness is relative, but Tide coaches seem sincere when saying that lack of speed and quickness on this team is a concern. But this potential weakness can be overcome to some extent with the return of some of the wounded, which includes a number of the speedsters.

Here's a capsule summary of Bama, position-by-position, starting with the defense:

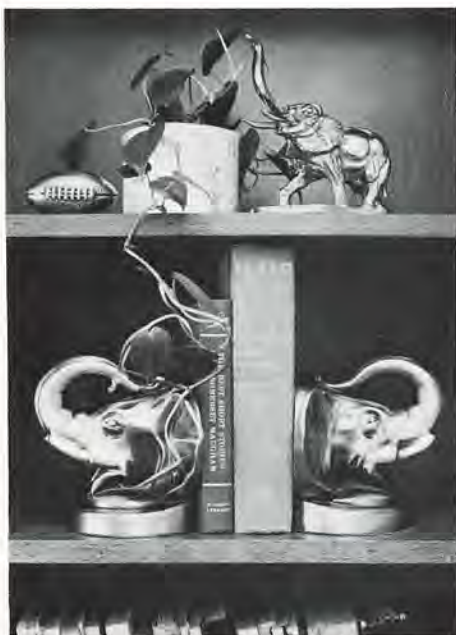
Paul Tripoli is hardly a household name among Alabama fans, but he could be in the starting lineup when Bama opens the season. With Castille on the sidelines the Tide is looking for help at cornerback. Jerrill Sprinkle would be in the picture, but he's having to concentrate on strong safety because All-America Tommy Wilcox has been out with a turned ankle. Tripoli is working with Craig Florence at Castille's left cornerback position. Tripoli is a non-scholarshipped junior. Stan Gay, formerly a walkon, is expected to start at right cornerback. Sammy Hood appears ahead of Josh Henderson behind Gay. Wilcox will almost certainly reclaim his strong safety spot quickly, with Sprinkle and Ricky Colbert behind him. Rocky Colburn has been plagued with back problems since last season, but if he's healthy he looks like the top hand at safety. Paul Carruth switched from starting running back to safety last spring, but missed almost all work. Nevertheless he's in the battle for the job with Al Blue. What appears to be an outstanding group of freshmen working in the secondary—Freddie Robinson, Vernon Wilkinson and converted quarterbacks Shon Lee and Rodney Jarmen—could hardly be expected to crack the depth of the defensive backfield.

Although most analyses of Alabama football include the note that Bama lost a starting linebacker in Thomas Boyd, the man expected to take his place this year, Eddie Lowe, had about 20 percent more participation time than Boyd last year and was considered by Bama coaches as no less than equal to Boyd. He'll almost certainly stand in at right linebacker this year

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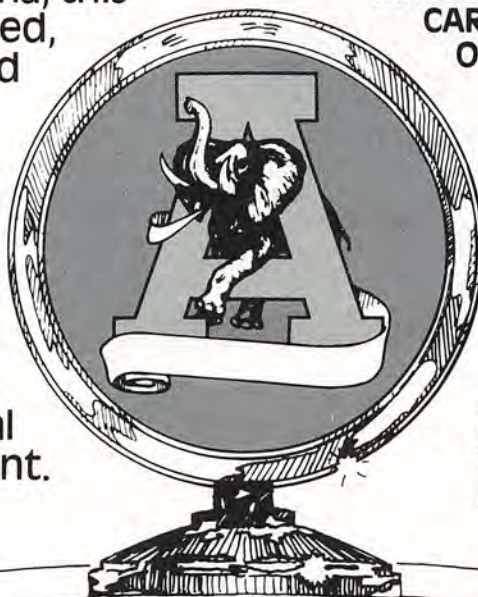
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(the Tide has changed from strongside and weakside linebackers to left and right linebackers). He missed last year's Cotton Bowl with a knee injury, but has rehabilitated the leg. He has practiced with (and may play with) a knee brace and he has been outstanding. At left linebacker Bama has a standout in Robbie Jones, the leading tackler on last year's team and a leader this fall. The picture muddies behind the starters. Scott McRae appears to have the inside shot at a top backup position, but other contenders (all of whom have had good days) are Steve Booker, Roosevelt Hill, Jimmy Watts and Todd Roper. Tide freshmen working at linebacker face the same problem as those in the secondary, too much quality depth; and the first year Bama men also appear to be an outstanding group—Wes Neighbors, Derrick Slaughter, Desmond Holoman and Mike Spencer all indicating they will be future contributors. Linebacker is probably one of the more difficult positions for a freshman because of the defensive signal calling duties.

The defensive end spots are solid two deep. Mike Pitts is so superior physically to most opponents he is a pre-season All-America at left end, while Russ Wood is a solid man on the right side who makes up for less physical ability with excellent technique and intelligent execution. Behind Pitts is an upcoming star in sophomore Emmanuel King, while Anthony Smiley (who is very strong and sound fundamentally) is number two on the right side. No one has pushed those four, although Dante Bramblett has the tools. Walkon Richard Wagner (who at 29 is three years older than the assistant coach in charge of defensive ends, Steve Hale) is hard-working and intelligent. One freshman, Rusty Grimmett, went through spring training. Two other freshmen look like very good ones for the future, Venson Elder and Joseph Godwin.

The three down spots on defense feature two returning starters, Jackie Cline at left tackle and Randy Edwards at right tackle. John Elias has moved in front of Mike Rodriguez at noseguard as Rodriguez missed early work because of dehydration, and Elias has responded well to the responsibility. Redshirt Tom McCrary and fifth year senior Richard Shinn have had good days backing up a tackle spots. Brent Sowell and David Gilmer have been hampered by injuries. No one's expecting a freshman to crack the starting lineup, but even the most casual observer of Tide practices notices Jon Hand. The 6-7, 280-pounder has been particularly impressive on pass rush and, with three pass-conscious teams leading off the season for Bama, that could put



An unquestioned leader of this year's Alabama team is quarterback Walter Lewis, who has demonstrated not only great ability but also great confidence in fall drills.

Joel Barnes Photo

him in contention. Frosh noseguard Cliff Thomas is out with a broken leg. A walkon noseguard performer carries a famous Alabama football name—George Salem, whose father and uncle are ex-Tiders.

It seems to be overlooked at times, but Alabama had the second most productive offense in the Southeastern Conference last year, a healthy 385 yards per game. The Tide did have some trouble holding onto the ball, losing a record 27 fumbles. With only two starters lost from last year's offense (tight end Bart Krout to graduation and running back Paul Carruth to the defense), Bama should be even better on offense.

The biggest question about the offense has been the amount of use the I formation will get. Observation of practice in both the spring and fall leads one to believe Bama foes will continue to concentrate on the wishbone when preparing for the Tide.

The offense, regardless of formation, starts with quarterback and Bama has a good one. Although Walter Lewis started only a couple of games last year, he's deemed the returning starter by most publications. Ken Coley began last season as the starter, but went down with an injury and under went knee surgery last winter. There's little question that Lewis is the leader this fall, and he has great confidence in what he's doing. Also taking

part in drills at quarterback are Paul Fields, who is improved, and Perry Cuda, who almost certainly will be redshirted. Freshman Todd Wilkins demonstrated a very good passing touch before he was injured. All of the quarterbacks have had good days, but Lewis has had all good days. Coley doesn't seem to be hampered by his injury, but from time-to-time he shows rustiness from his layoff.

Usually there will be three backs behind the quarterback in a wishbone formation, but the combination in fall practice has been dictated by injuries. All things being equal the three would be fullback Ricky Moore, left halfback Joe Carter and right halfback Jeff Fagan. Fagan has been particularly impressive—blocking, running and as a leader. Moore has been pushed by Craig Turner at fullback, while Don Horstead has been impressive at left halfback. Before being injured Linnie Patrick was doing extremely well. The others who have been injured include Carter, Kenny Simon, Mickey Guinyard, Earl Collins, Roosevelt Wilder and freshman John Pemberton, who has shown good ability. Another freshman running back, Chester Braggs, is considered a good, tough runner with a bright future. Charlie Williams has not been consistent.

Running backs have not been getting any special work as pass receivers this fall, indicating Bama will use a split end at flanker when the Tide is in the I. Jesse Bendross and Joey Jones, who split playing time last year, are well ahead of the competition. Jones missed a few days with a slight injury. Darryl White, who isn't very big or very fast but who has good hands and even better work habits, will see plenty of playing time. Freshman Joe Smith has indicated he is going to be a very good wide receiver.

The receiving corps includes less well-known performers at tight end. Jay Grogan has been the top man this fall. He's a fine receiver and good blocker whose only handicap is a 220-pound weight. Larry Brown, who has seen duty as a blocking tight end, and Scott Homan, who is working at tight end after four years as a defensive tackle, don't have good speed, but both are giving excellent effort. Walkon Preston Gothard was slowed by injuries last year and has catching up to do. Ed Pugh is another hard working walkon, but he'd be handicapped by a lack of size. It could be the freshman with the best chance of breaking into Bama's depth chart is Larry Roberts.

It's no secret that almost every football team has quality athletes at the skill positions on offense. What separates the national championship contenders from the others is often offensive linemen, the

most anonymous members of the squad. There seems to be little doubt in Bama's football camp that the offensive line will be better.

Starters return from tackle to tackle, along with experienced depth. Steve Mott at center is an all-star candidate, expected to be more than just a starter. He's backed solidly by Mark Jackson, and Mike White is behind them. There's some shuffling of personnel at guards and tackles, but Joe Beazley has had a good fall and is solid at left tackle. Mike Adcock is ahead at left guard, primarily because he's not being pushed by Hardy Walker, but Joe Dismuke, who is having a good fall, could be moved to that spot. Doug Vickers has done well playing at both right guard and right tackle. He's being pushed at guard by Willard Scissum and, in turn, Vickers is pushing Bob Cayavec at tackle. Gary Bramblett is also doing well at guard. Mike McQueen and Jim Ivy are both improved behind Beazley at tackle. Three who did well last year but who are behind because of injuries are Roy Rumbley, Jim Brock and Kurt Schmissrauter. Danny Holcombe works at both guard and center, but probably won't see duty except on deep snaps with the specialty teams. Greg Peebles, who has moved to

offense from defense, Tommy Gibson, John McIntosh, walkon Rob Roberts and freshmen Gary Otten, "Hoss" Johnson and Kevin Welniak are counted on for the future.

Don't look for any changes in the kickers. Peter Kim will try extra points and field goals, Terry Sanders will kick off and Malcolm Simmons will punt.

TIDE NOTES: Alabama, picked by a consensus of pre-season magazines, to finish second in the nation behind Pittsburgh, it starting out in the Associated Press poll in third place behind Pittsburgh and Washington. There's nothing magic about the AP poll: it's based on the voting of 59 sportswriters and sportscasters throughout the country. However, because more newspaper and radio and television stations use the AP service than any other, it is the most widely reported poll, and therefore its national champion is most widely recognized. ABC's pre-season show picked Bama second, behind Pitt, while United Press International has the Tide fourth (1. Pitt, 2. Washington, 3. Nebraska). Coach Bryant is one of the voters on the UPI poll.

Bill Pierce, the quarterback-running back-defensive back who transferred to Alabama last winter from Arkansas and

took part in spring drills, was to be a late arrival for Bama fall workouts. He's not eligible for participation this year and was told to wait until classes began before reporting for practice.

Alabama will be wearing white jerseys in the opener against Georgia Tech. The Yellow Jackets have traditionally worn white home uniforms (as does LSU), but this year will wear black jerseys in Atlanta. Tech first broke the tradition last fall against Georgia. The 44-7 shellacking at the hands of the Bulldogs apparently didn't sway the Engineers against the change.

Tide faithful were somewhat shaken by an inaccurate report of coach Bryant's press conference with the Southeastern Conference Skywriters. Birmingham's morning newspaper reported coach Bryant said he would have a hand in bringing in his successor and that his successor would be a head coach. He said nothing about either, the closest thing being that he tells prospects "when I leave here they (Alabama) are going to have a better coach than they've got now." The newspaper quoted coach Bryant as saying: "The program is going down under me. We need to get somebody to pull it back up. I've been talking to The Universi-

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ty about quitting the last seven years." At least one other newsman misunderstood that part about seven years, but it seems inconceivable that anyone could have construed coach Bryant to say the program had gone down under him. What he said was: "We want to have a better program when I'm gone than we have now and it's time to be taking a serious look at that with an idea of making some kind of move. Because we don't want to wait to run down and then somebody have to come in and build it back up. I don't want that. I want to take it and build it up." And later: "I'm not the one that wants to sit here and let it run down and then make me look good. I want to get better."

One of two former Alabama players is expected to be part of CBS-TV's college football broadcasting crews. CBS plans to have regional broadcast teams with Lindsay Nelson doing the play-by-play in the South. Being considered for analysis are former Tide running back Major Ogilvie and former Bama quarterback Scott Hunter, who is now a television sportscaster in Mobile.

Injuries have ended the careers of three Alabama players—split end Keith Marks, linebacker Marcus Hill and defensive tackle Alan Underwood.

Mortarboards Don't Have Chinstraps

Although Alabama President Dr. Joab Thomas does visit Crimson Tide football practice from time to time, he does not think such sideline curiosity has anything to do with the success the team has during the season.

That has not always been the case, apparently, among Alabama presidents.

In the 1920s, as Alabama made two Rose Bowl trips to establish itself as a national power, Dr. George Denny, school president, attended practices on almost a daily basis. It was reported during those days that he lined up at defensive end and challenged a running back or two just to see how the team was faring during preseason practices. While there is no way to substantiate that claim, there is reason to believe Dr. Denny took a lick or two at practices.

From Jeff Coleman, who since those years has faithfully served the Alabama Athletic Department and the Alabama Alumni Association: "Dr. Denny used to show up at practice all the time, and he always seemed to make it a point to get hit by scattering players as he stood on the sideline. I do recall somebody claiming to be able to determine what kind of season it would be at Alabama by the severity of the licks the president took."

John Henry Suther, an All-America halfback at Alabama, who played from 1928-30, also remembers Dr. Denny on the practice field: "Dr. Denny always showed up, a pipe in his mouth, to talk with influential members of our alumni. There were times he got in the way. I can recall coach (Wallace) Wade asking him to leave a time or two, because he kept getting rundown on the sideline."

Dr. Thomas was an outstanding high school football player at Hartselle and played in the Alabama High School all-star game. However, he turned down athletic scholarships to a number of schools (including Alabama and coach Bryant at Kentucky) to attend Harvard on an academic scholarship. He earned three degrees at Harvard, and he's further advanced his academic reputation by not participating in Bama football drills.

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Women's Athletics:

Changes For The Better

by Laurie Kiely

Evolution entails change and growth. As women's athletics evolves at the University of Alabama and throughout the nation it has faced and will continue to face developmental obstacles. Thanks to the efforts of Alabama's dedicated athletics administration, learned and respected coaches, and high caliber athletes, women's athletics is meeting with marked success the hurdles of the expansion and survival of its program.

The Crimson Tide women's program is under the auspices of the University of Alabama athletics department and athletics director Paul W. Bryant. Associate athletics director Sam Bailey handles the finances of the women's program. But it is associate athletics director Ann Marie Lawler who is primarily responsible for the functioning of the women's

athletics department. The efforts of Mrs. Lawler, who arrived at Alabama in 1974, have resulted in the women's program rising to national prominence.

The Alabama athletics department now supports seven intercollegiate sports. The coaching staffs for swimming, cross country, track and field, and golf have merged with the men's staffs. Basketball, gymnastics, and tennis have separate programs.

The Tide women's program has met with success on both the conference and national levels. During the 1981-82 academic year if an award were given comparable to the men's Southeastern Conference All-Sports Bernie Moore Trophy, the Alabama women athletes would have won. On the national level women involved in swimming, track, and

gymnastics gained All-America honors. The women's swimming team was ninth at the NCAA National Championship last year and the gymnastics team finished second at the AIAW National Championship. Through the years athletes in every sport have reaped either All-America, All-Conference, or All-Tournament awards.

"Our programs are constantly improving," comments Mrs. Lawler. "Our gymnastics program has developed to the point where we can attract the best athletes in the country. The athletes we have coming in this year will do stunts and routines comparable to those performed by Olympic athletes.

"We have seen success in our other sports as well. Swimming, track and field and tennis were all represented in the national competitions. Our basketball team improved tremendously last year. Basketball faced some problems because the coaching staff changed every year for three years, but now I think it has stabilized and we have a great staff who will make the team even better," explains the associate athletics director.

Alabama's admirable accomplishments did not come overnight. Numerous changes in the functioning of the organization of the department have contributed to its current prominence. The women's athletics department was originally organized as a part of The University's health education and recreation department. In 1974 the department was moved to the Office of Student Affairs, under the direction of University President Dr. Joab Thomas, who then served as Vice President of Student Affairs.

It was under University President Dr. David Matthews in 1978 that the women's program was incorporated into the athletics department. The move was

A number of changes have come about since the formation of a women's athletics program, but a constant in Alabama's period of growth and success since 1974 has been the leadership of Ann Marie Lawler.

Joel Barnes Photo



made so the program could be better financed and supported.

Although organizational changes at The University have affected the program, recent changes on the national level have had a profound effect on the functioning of the women's athletics department. Beginning September 1 the women's athletics program for the first time will be completely under the rules and regulations set up by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the ruling body of Alabama men's athletics, and will be competing exclusively in NCAA national championships. Prior to this year the Tide program and programs throughout the country were members of the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) and were subject to their rules. Colleges had the choice of remaining with the AIAW until 1985 when the organization will be dissolved. Alabama's athletics administration made the decision to join the NCAA this year.

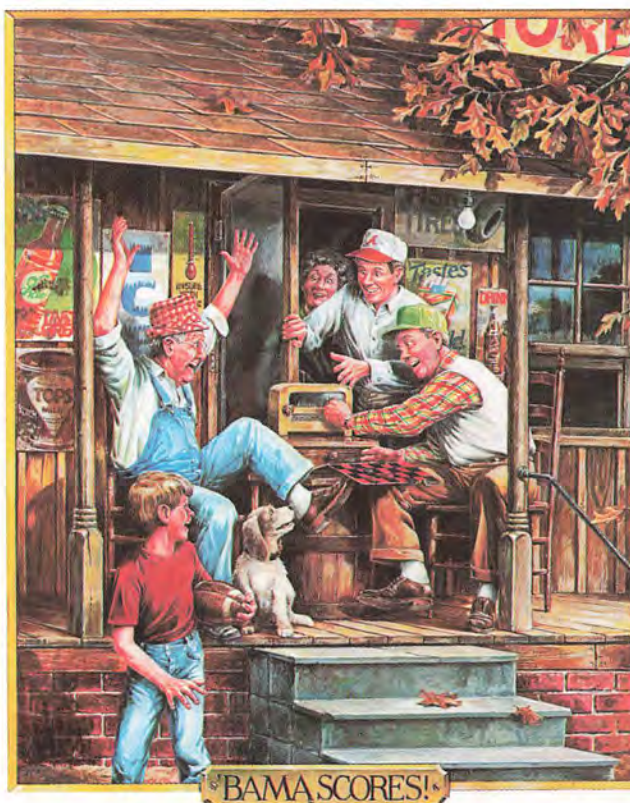
Now the women's athletics department will be subject to the recruiting, eligibility, scholarship, and championship rules designed by the NCAA. It remains to be seen how this will affect Tide athletes and women's programs throughout the country.

Recruiting is one area which will change drastically due to membership in the NCAA. Under the NCAA rules, college coaches, for the first time, will be able to visit women athletes at their homes and athletics departments will be allowed to pay for women athletes' visits to campus.

"It's very difficult to determine how the new recruiting rules will affect our programs. In that it is a new concept for women our coaches really can't tell how much time is necessary to put into visiting recruits. It is something that will take a few years to get used to and understand," explains Mrs. Lawler.

The scholarship situation will also change. Under AIAW rules an athlete who was granted a scholarship received that scholarship as long as she remained a team member, no matter what type of performance she contributed. The NCAA rule gives the coach the option to cut an athlete's scholarship if she does not perform up to standard.

National championship organization will also be changed. Last year dual championships were held by the NCAA and AIAW and each college decided what competition it would participate in. For instance, the Tide swimmers competed in only the NCAA championship, but gymnastics and tennis team members participated in both tournaments. This year



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championships will be hosted only by the NCAA.

Hopefully, the NCAA national championships will benefit the women athletes and programs throughout the nation. The expenses of the athletes traveling to the national competitions will be paid by the NCAA, as they are for the men, and the media attention and national exposure will be more pronounced because of the historical power and influence of the NCAA.

Crimson Tide women athletes have been fortunate in the amount of local and statewide media attention they have received. This has been due to the endless toil of women's sports information director Gay Sievers, who consistently provides the media with information on Tide athletes in all seven sports.

While the Tide women's programs will be adjusting to the changes of membership in the NCAA, they will also be facing changes instigated by the SEC. In the spring of 1982 the university presidents of SEC member institutions voted to incorporate the women's programs into the conference. The plan is to get the women's programs and championships formally incorporated into the SEC by 1985. The SEC organization will no longer be strictly for men but will be a co-

ed conference. The changes in the SEC organization will affect conference championships and in-season scheduling. Just as in the men's programs, SEC rules dictating such things as eligibility are bound to be stricter than those set up by the NCAA.

Although the rule changes applied by the NCAA and the SEC will affect the Tide women's programs, the attitude of those involved in the administration of the programs will have the biggest effect on the successful functioning of the department. It is the philosophies and goals of Mrs. Lawler which will be the impetus and aid in the fight for success.

"My goal and the goals of those who have worked with me is to develop a total program which will benefit the athletes and the university. We have gained a fine reputation and respect throughout the country and I hope to maintain this," says Mrs. Lawler. "We have many positive forces working with us and one of the biggest is University President Joab Thomas. He has shown a total commitment to our survival and I believe this will aid us tremendously."

Perhaps the biggest obstacle women's programs at Alabama and throughout the national face is acceptance by the public. According to Mrs. Lawler women's athletics is subject to many of the prob-

lems associated with other struggles in the women's movement. "Due to many traditional values many people can not accept the idea of women competing in sports. They just do not accept the idea of women competing physically with other women and consequently do not appreciate women's athletics," says Mrs. Lawler. "The attitude is changing and women's programs are rising and flourishing throughout the country."

Although women's sports will probably never generate the monies that men's big-time football and basketball generate, there are programs which are paying for themselves. In some areas of the country women's basketball and gymnastics are steadily generating funds. The crowds have already grown at Crimson Tide women's athletic events.

Hopefully, the NCAA championships will draw more attention to women's sports. The 1984 Olympics is certain to aid the acceptance by the public of women's athletics. When an athlete competes at the Olympics it does not matter whether the person is male or female; all that matters is that the athlete has achieved Olympics status. With the recent steps forward and changes in women's athletics, this is likely where the evolutionary process in women's collegiate athletics will take Alabama and the rest of the nation.

A Close Working Relationship

There is no question about the importance of a head coach and an assistant coach being able to work closely together. And when it comes to such communication, such hand-in-hand closeness, Alabama's gymnastics team has an edge on its opposition.

Last year the head coach of the nationally-ranked women's squad was Sarah Campbell, and her assistant was David Patterson. David is still the assistant coach, but the head coach is now Sarah Campbell Patterson. The two were recently married.

Sarah and David first worked together in 1977, when Sarah was coaching the Huntsville Athletic Club team and David, a native of Huntsville, was working at the club. They are entering their fifth season at Alabama.

Sarah, a 1978 graduate of Slippery Rock State College, arrived at Alabama as freshman coach in 1978. She promptly led the team to a 7-7 record, the first non-losing season in four years, and was

named coach of the year among her peers in the state. In 1980, well after she established Alabama as a state power and a rising national power, she was elected president of the Alabama Gymnastics Association. In 1981, she served as region chairperson for the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women.



Sarah Patterson



David Patterson

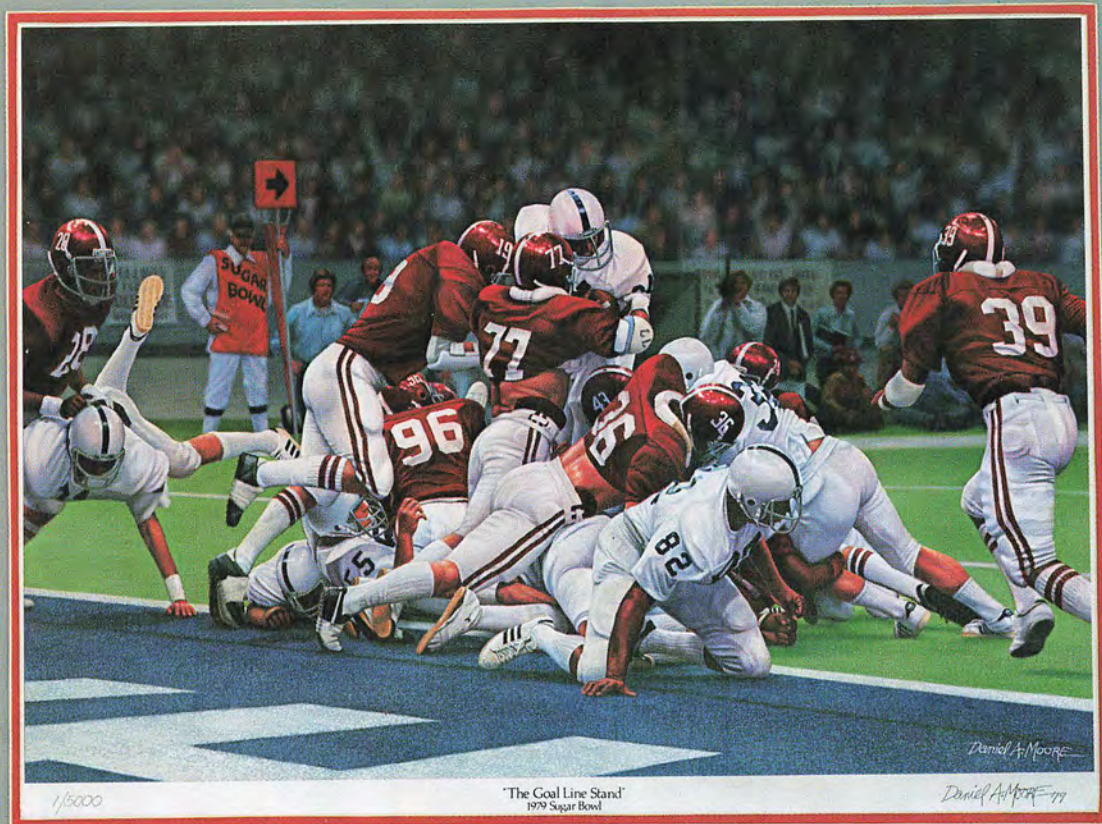
As a Slippery Rock gymnast, Sara helped the Rockets to a sixth-place national finish among small colleges. her specialties include vault, floor exercise

and choreography. Her Alabama teams have excelled in these categories.

David, an Alabama graduate with majors in physical education and public relations, was a two-time all-star diver at Huntsville Grissom High School. He also coached the girls' gymnastics team at Grissom to two state championships.

David is well-trained. Not only has he picked up a few pointers from his wife, he has worked under such renowned gymnastics coaches as Danny Warbuton, Vannie Edwards and Muriel Grossfeld.

There has been no word of the Pattersons receiving a wedding gift from the gymnasts they will work with this season. It is suspected, however, that they have discussed such an offering over breakfast at home and have decided that another state championship and national ranking would both be nice. Under their leadership, with strong teamwork prevalent, both of those things could be possible this season.



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Jeremiah Castille:

Actions Speak Loudly

by Al Browning

The chance of the University of Alabama filling an open football date on a future schedule with a game against the Soviet Union is about as remote as the likelihood of coach Bryant instructing his team to surrender on a fall afternoon before the end of the fourth quarter.

But it has never been a sin to dream, and Alabama assistant coach Louis Campbell was allowing his mind a dose of such strange thought recently. He was thinking about fighting a war against "Ivan," home or away, and he went so far as to think about foot soldiers he would use in such an endeavor.

"While in conferences, we coaches sometimes sit around and talk about who we would want on our side if we had to fight Russians," says coach Campbell, who handles the Alabama defensive secondary, "and one player is always mentioned. Everybody agrees that having Jeremiah Castille on our side would be a plus. In fact, he is almost always the first player mentioned, our first draft choice if you like, because we all know he will always get in there with anybody and scrap, no matter the opponent or situation."

"Since arriving at Alabama, Jeremiah Castille has displayed an intensity level that separates him from most players."

Castille, a senior defensive halfback from Phenix City is also a decorated combatant. Last season, he earned All-Southeastern Conference acclaim. Pre-season prognosticators predict he will start adding All-America honors to his list of credentials when Alabama opens its 1982 season September 11 against Georgia Tech at Atlanta. Perhaps the most suitable compliment given his abilities is the nickname he has been awarded by his Crimson Tide teammates,

Alabama's Jeremiah Castille, an upcoming senior, led the Southeastern Conference in interceptions last year, but the 177-pounder is oft-noted more for his hitting ability than for his excellent pass defense.

Spectrum-Southeast Photo

who call him "Cobra."

"I'm not sure who first called Jeremiah that," says coach Campbell, "but the name fits. He strikes opponents quickly and powerfully. The last foot or so of his punch is deadly. When he sticks it to an opponent, puts that helmet on somebody, he has knockout force."

Who was it that said you have to beware of those small, silent types?

At 5-foot-11, 177 pounds, Castille cannot be considered a massive hulk. On the quadrangle, he looks like any other Alabama student tromping across campus to class, like a young man more hungry for quality points than a national championship ring. But on the field, where last season he made 43 tackles, intercepted five passes (tops in the conference), broke up 10 passes and returned five kickoffs for a 24.6-yard average, he is a carpenter who skillfully uses a small hammer on large nails. Jeremiah participated in 849 plays last year, the most of any Bama player.

"If you had the opportunity to watch our game films, you'd be amazed by what Jeremiah does at times," says coach Campbell. "He'd just as soon take on a huge tight end one-on-one as tackle a little halfback."

"Jeremiah is a rare breed. There's no question at all about his ability. He can hit, he can run and he plays smart. Other than those things, there is only attitude, and he certainly grades a winner in that area."

"Jeremiah has never had much to say on or off the field. But when he talks, even if it's just a simple 'Let's go' during a drab practice, his teammates listen to him. Basically, he's a leader by example, a player whose ability speaks loudly for itself."

"I've always thought great players breed great players, so I'm sure our sophomores and freshmen benefit from being around Jeremiah. If nothing else, they have to feel his intensity level, which helps them become more dedicated to the game."

"Jeremiah is a pleasure to coach. I suspect he's a pleasure to play with. And it'd be my guess that he's a dandy individual to be around off the field."

Unless they are looking for a film to be shown on Sunday morning television, it is doubtful movie executives will be rushing to Tuscaloosa to start work on *The Jeremiah Castille Story*. The quiet side of life does not have much viewer appeal in this day and age, and people who know Castille will tell you he does not spend much time trying to figure out how to bask in the spotlight.

Consider, if you will, these scenes witnessed last September, as the Crimson

Tide struggled early in a season that it concluded with a 9-2-1 record, another conference championship, another bowl appearance and another national top 10 ranking...

- Two young men, Alabama football players, have seated themselves at a table in the dining room at Paul Bryant Hall, the athletic dormitory. It is the noon hour. Fifty or so of their teammates are at tables near them. Steady chatter has created a subtle roar. Their trays are filled with food.

But, pick any meal, Jeremiah Castille and linebacker Eddie Lowe are not quick to dig into the meat on their plates. Instead, they bow their heads in prayer, offering thanks for the nourishment they are about to put into their bodies.

- An afternoon football practice has been rugged. As they leaved the dressing room at Memorial Coliseum, many players are talking about what they will do to unwind after they return to the athletic dorm for dinner. There is much from which to choose, because a college campus offers wholesome fun and some evil temptation.

But, pick almost any night, Castille and Lowe, his roommate and high school teammate and friend, have almost standard courses of action. They will return to the dorm, complete dinner, go to their room, study, watch television, engage in conversation, read their Bibles and go to bed.

Ho hum...and most people think playing college football is glorious.

"It never has taken much to satisfy me. I never have liked being seen much in the streets," says Castille. "I've always thought there is a lot more to life than a lot of whooping and hollering and running to and fro. I like for my life to be relaxed."

From Lowe, a senior expected to start his season at linebacker: "People have said Jeremiah and I live boring lives, but I've never viewed it that way. We just do what we want to do off the field. We conduct ourselves in a manner in which we have become accustomed."

Castille and Lowe developed such a soft approach to life growing up in a town once known for its hard knocks. Phenix City, located in East Alabama, was once notorious for its gambling, prostitution and murder. Now it is known for turning out top-of-the-line Crimson Tide athletes and super individuals, Castille and Lowe following enviable footsteps made by former Alabama fullback Billy Jackson and former Alabama basketball standout Ken "Silk" Johnson, as well as Eddie's brother Woodrow. If Detroit had such a successful assembly line the auto industry would not be faltering.

Such commanded behavior does not mean Castille does not have mischievous moments. And, as you might guess, Lowe knows about that side of him better than anybody.

"I've learned to stay on my toes around Jeremiah, because you never can predict what he might say next," says Lowe, who is one of only a few people who hear Castille say anything. "On the football field, he's totally dedicated—Jeremiah really has a mean streak in him, I think; but off the field, he likes to tease people close to him. When the time is right, he can be as light-hearted as the next guy."

"When it's football, though, and friendship, well, then he's a guy we can all count on to do his best to do what's right. If he makes a mistake, in football or in life, it just makes him more determined to do better the next time."

That characteristic of Castille came to light last season, when against Vanderbilt he played poorly, grading a non-winner the only time in his Crimson Tide career, and then graded 90 percent the next week against Ole Miss.

"He's a battler," says coach Campbell. "He's a team man."

Castille is also a family man, who has more pride in where he has been in life than where he is now and the probability that next year he will be working for a National Football League team as a high draftee. Last season, for instance, he was troubled by the fact his mother was ill and hospitalized in Phenix City. When his teammates spent Sunday afternoon resting and letting wounds heal, he often drove home to be with his mother. He never missed a practice session. He rarely missed assignments in games.

With his mother healthy; his physical condition honed to near-perfection by twice-daily, sometimes three, summer workouts; and his mental state sharpened by the annual Alabama quest for a national championship Castille has intentions of making his final season with the Crimson Tide his best.

"I'm real excited about this season," says Castille, "because I really think we have what it takes to win big, to earn another national championship for Alabama. If everything falls just right, if we can avoid the bad breaks, we can get back to the Sugar Bowl (as outright conference champion) and reclaim a spot at the top of the (national) polls."

"What happened to us last year makes me more hungry for a great season this year. We got off to slow start, had some bad exposure that hurt our team unity and we lost a game and tied one before we really started clicking. That was disappointing, but I think it'll be a character-

building experience for us. Already, I've seen more dedication among players. I think we have people on this team who want to make the necessary sacrifices to win. I think we've got that good leadership we missed last year."

As coach Campbell stated, Castille is capable of providing quiet leadership, an example-setting action here, a mighty tackle there. He knows seniors are expected to build a path for underclassmen to follow.

"Leaders come in all forms," Castille says. "You have some who do a lot of talking and sometimes fail to provide much action. And you have some who stay pretty quiet, but are willing to work hard on the field. The best leaders, I believe, are the workers. I try to do that. I want to do anything I can to help our team win games, that means keeping my path straight off the field and playing inspired football on the field. I want to do whatever it takes to help Alabama win. I'm not the only person who feels that way. I've seen that attitude a lot during off-season workouts. Now we've just got to take it on to the field with us every day."

Castille was recruited to Alabama by former Crimson Tide assistant coach Jeff Rouzie, who acted with the favor of Bill "Brother" Oliver, a former assistant coach in charge of the defensive secondary. They recognized special skills in a raw-boned prep running back/defensive halfback. They were not the least bit disappointed by his performance as a freshman in 1979, when Alabama claimed the last of two consecutive national championships. It was that year, in fact, that he caught Auburn halfback James Brooks from behind on a kickoff return that seemed destined to be a 64-yard, game-winning effort. He played that season behind All-American Don McNeal, who now plays for the Miami Dolphins in the NFL, but in the final regular-season game against the most bitter of Alabama rivals, he was, if only for a few seconds, the man of the hour.

"Jeff (Rouzie) is the man who got Jeremiah to Alabama," says coach Oliver, now head man at Tennessee Chattanooga, "but I can recall looking at films of him in high school games and thinking what a fine prospect he was. He had tremendous upper-body strength, which is still the case, and uncanny acceleration and agility. Few people know about it, but we talked at great length about using him as a running back."

"Coaches tend to expect too much from freshmen, and I might have been guilty of that in Jeremiah's case. But I never was disappointed in him. He started like a ball of fire—my gosh, he was sharp



Jeremiah Castille took over Bama's left cornerback spot as a sophomore in 1980, replacing first round draft pick Don McNeal, who moved on to a starting job with the Miami Dolphins. Amazingly, Crimson Tide defensive coaches didn't feel there was any dropoff in play at the position.

Joel Barnes Photo

from the first day of practice—then tapered off some at about mid-season. From the seventh game on, though, I kept seeing him get better and better and better. From what I've heard and read, he's still improving.

In that regard, Castille, who is certainly not one to boast about self-achievement, must surely allow himself a smile or two when looking into a mirror. The truth is he never expected to get the chance to play at the collegiate level.

"I was kind of small in high school, as you might imagine, and I really didn't give college football much thought," says Castille. "I figured I'd go the route of so many of my friends, graduate from high school and join the military. I just didn't have much confidence in my ability."

"But during my junior year at Phenix City, I got a letter from the coaches at Alabama. That shocked me. Then coach Rouzie came to see me play, and that shocked me even more. When he first told me he thought I'd be able to make the

grade at Alabama, I was thrilled. Getting that scholarship was like an impossible dream come true.

"Even after I signed my scholarship I still had doubts in my ability," Castille says. "Getting picked to play in the (Alabama High School Athletic Association) All-Star Game helped, but even then I knew I'd have to go onto the field with guys I'd heard and read about for a couple of years. I really didn't know if I deserved to be there. Playing in that game was blessing for me, because during the week of practice in Tuscaloosa. I finally realized that I might have a chance to make something of myself as a player."

On a play during the first quarter of that all-star game, Castille tackled an opposing running back with enough punch to leave his victim stretched on the field for a few minutes. Alabama fans watching at Bryant-Denny Stadium that night smiled.

It was, you might say, the first of many times they have witnessed "Cobra" deliver his powerful venom to a rival player.

Scouting Reports:

Bama Facing Tough Election Year Foes

by Bruce Graham

This is an election year in Alabama, but talk of football rather than politics dominates conversation. To the true Crimson Tide fan, the only votes that really matter are the ones cast on January 2 by the writers and broadcasters of the Associated Press and the voting coaches of United Press International to determine the national champion.

Of course, the national football champion doesn't benefit much from populari-

ty; and only marginally from name recognition, both important factors in political races. The issue of the football race is victories. This year Alabama faces some tough opposition for the national title. And it's of no little importance that the first two battles take place on the turf of the opponents.

Here is an in-depth look at Alabama's first four football opponents of 1982. While these reports have been checked

for accuracy, it must be noted that pre-season practices have not been concluded. As a result the impacts of injuries and freshmen are not included. However, the weekly 'BAMA newsletters will update these and other developments.

GEORGIA TECH September 11

The Yellow Jackets were only able to break into the win column once during the 1981 football season and every Crimson Tide fan can tell you against whom that victory came. Yes, Georgia Tech defeated Alabama 24-21 in Birmingham's Legion Field.

Just what does the Rambling Wreck have returning to face the Crimson Tide in Atlanta's Grant Field on September 11?

Returning for head coach Bill Curry's team are 58 lettermen, which includes eighteen starters, so Bama will be facing depth as well as experience.

There are nine starters returning on offense which includes all the men up front and a complete set of backs.

Leading the blocking up front will be All-America, tackle candidate David Lutz (6-7, 274).

Lutz is joined by other starters tackle Ellis Gardner (6-4, 260), guards Ken Howell (6-2, 225) and Derek Gwinn (6-4, 245) along with center Dean Waters (6-3, 240).

Helping out on the offensive front should be guard-center Mark Schultz (6-2, 240) and center Tom Taylor (6-4, 260). At the present there is not much reserve

Georgia Tech's Robert Lavette broke into college football in a big way as a freshman last year, scoring two touchdowns in the Jackets' 24-21 upset of Alabama. His second touchdown against the Tide was the winning score.

Georgia Tech Photo





Ole Miss head coach Steve Sloan, a favorite of most Tide fans because of his days as an outstanding Alabama quarterback in the mid-1960s, is expected to have his best Rebel team ever this year, despite the loss of quarterback John Fourcade to graduation.

Ole Miss Photo

help at offensive tackle, but that should receive a high priority among incoming freshmen.

Running behind that experienced line are a couple of experienced backs in tailback Robert Lavette (6-0, 188) and fullback Ronnie Cone (6-2, 220).

Lavette was a freshman All-America and led the team in rushing with 866 yards and receiving with 45 catches for 307 yards. He rushed for two touchdowns (including the winning score) against Alabama last year.

At wide receiver, the Jackets lost starter Ken Thompson at split end, but return backup Darrell Norton (5-8, 151). In addition, juco transfer Michael Harrington (5-10, 170) will be a factor. There's also a possibility that Chris Kentera (6-1, 180), Tech's leading receiver in 1979 and 1980 who was ineligible last year, will return this season. Starter Jeff Keisler (5-11, 181) returns at flanker, as do backups Richard Salem (6-2, 180) and Denny Rochester

(6-1, 180). Also taking part in fall drills at flanker is Tom Stanfill (6-2, 200), a former wide receiver who has played at linebacker the past two years.

At the tight end slot there are a couple of fine players. Glenn Etheridge (6-2, 221) and Ken Whisenhunt (6-3, 220) rotated in the lineup last season and combined for 39 receptions, including a 54-yarder by Whisenhunt in Tech's winning drive against Bama. However, based on spring work, the job could go to soph Gary Wilkins (6-1, 220).

Calling the signals for the Yellow Jackets should be Jim Bob Taylor (6-2, 195), but Stu Rogers (6-2, 205) will also see action in the wide open Tech attack.

Taylor started two games last fall before suffering a shoulder injury, so he does have experience at the quarterback position. In a backup role to Mike Kelley last year against Alabama he hit three of three passes for 45 yards.

On the defensive side of the line of

scrimmage the Jackets only have to replace a defensive end and an outside linebacker.

The defensive front (two ends and a noseguard in Tech's terminology) should include returning starter Marvin Dyett (6-4, 245) and big soph Bobby Hodge (6-4, 278) at ends and Tony Kepano (6-2, 248) at noseguard. Kepano was a backup offensive guard last year, but moved to defense in the spring and was moved ahead of returning starter Donnie Chisolm (6-0, 250).

Linebacking is probably the strongest of positions fielded by the Yellow Jacket defense for the 1982 campaign.

Both inside linebackers return, Rob Horton (6-0, 225) and Duane Wood (5-11, 210). These two, who led the team in tackling in 1981, are being pressured for playing time by Steve Mooney (6-1, 210), who was a starter in 1980 but missed last year with a knee injury.

Robert Jaracz (6-3, 210) returns at one of the outside linebacker positions. The other position should go to either Wally Cawthon (6-0, 237) or Dante Jones (6-4, 205).

Returning in the deep zone at the corners will be Paul Menegazzi (5-11, 186) and Ted Thurson (5-10, 184) while safeties Mark Sheffield (6-1, 196) and Sammy Brown (6-2, 193) are back for another season.

Georgia Tech's strengths in 1982 should be experience and depth on defense.

Alabama currently leads the series with 26 wins and 20 losses and there have been 3 ties.

OLE MISS September 18

The 1982 Ole Miss Rebel team faces its biggest challenge in replacing three-year starting quarterback John Fourcade, who set 15 individual records during his Rebel career.

Kelly Powell (6-1, 202) seems heir apparent for the signal calling role. Powell has experience since he became a starter last fall while Fourcade was injured. Two others in contention for the job are Kent Austin (6-2, 179) and Scott Rushing (6-2, 194).

Austin saw limited action during the '81 season while Rushing sat out a redshirt year.

Other than losing Fourcade, there should be a lot of optimism among Rebel faithful with 49 lettermen returning. Of these 19 are among the top 22 offensive players and 21 of the best 22 defensive players. This gives coach Steve Sloan's staff a foundation to build on this fall.

With the graduation of Fourcade the offense has been changed from the split-



Vanderbilt quarterback Whit Taylor was an outstanding performer last year and is being touted as an all-star candidate this year, but Bama has yet to face the gifted signal-caller. Taylor missed last year's Tide game in Nashville because of a fractured foot.

Vanderbilt Photo

back veer to the pro-style I-formation, which suits the new quarterbacks and their abilities better.

Running the ball in the new I-formation should be tailback Buford McGee (6-1, 210) and fullback Arthur Humphrey (6-1, 207) with help from Andre Thomas (6-1, 214). Injuries have plagued Rebel running backs the last several years and this is a major concern with little depth at the position.

Blocking for the I will be an experienced line, which hasn't been the case during coach Sloan's previous tenure at the Rebel helm.

The line is led by offensive tackle Pat Phenix (6-5, 225), who is mentioned for all-conference honors as well as national laurels.

The other members of the line include tight end Greg Walker (6-4, 245) one of the best in the SEC, tackle Mike Stearns (6-5, 270) and guards John Allen (6-3, 246) and Tony Dalton (6-3, 251). The center should

be Steve Herring (6-4, 248).

Other players expected to contribute in the offensive line are Wayne Pierce (6-2, 244) Joe Brewer (6-2, 238) and Bobby Clark (6-2, 242), plus junior college transfer Jeff Campbell (6-4, 264).

Catching passes this fall will again be Michael Harmon (6-2, 204) along with James Harbour (5-11, 193), Gino English (6-0, 162) and Timmy Moffett (6-2, 180).

Defense has been a problem for the Rebels, who for the past few seasons have been smaller than their opponents. But it looks like the size will be there this fall in the Reb's new eight-man front alignment.

The size is evident in the line with tackles Andre Townsend (6-4, 253) and Arnold Seymour (6-3, 270). Probable ends are Bryant Kennedy (6-4, 220) and Freddy Nunn (6-5, 220). Linebackers are expected to be Thomas Hubbard (6-0, 215), Keith Forcade (6-0, 210), James Otis (6-4, 208) and roverback Johnny Armstrong

(6-2, 212). A couple of familiar brothers are in that corps, former Tide star Colenzo Hubbard and former Ole Miss quarterback John Fourcade.

The secondary is back with cornerbacks Melvin Brown (5-11, 185) and Lee Davis (6-2, 196) and safetyman Johnny Burrow (6-0, 185).

Kicking once again will be a strong part of the Rebel attack as punter Darryl Graham (39.2 yards per game avg.) and placekicker Todd Gatlin 10 of 14 field goal attempts, 13 of 14 extra point tries) return.

The Rebel strengths will be more experience and their schedule, which includes seven home games this year.

Alabama leads the series with 28 wins, 5 losses and 2 ties.

VANDERBILT September 25

The Vanderbilt football team made great strides in 1981, posting a 4-7 mark while breaking 30 school records and managing to tie two more.

Just what does head coach George MacIntyre have in store for the black and gold faithful in the "Music City"?

The Commodores return 42 of 57 lettermen, including five offensive starters and seven defensive regulars.

Gone are both defensive tackles and four-fifths of the offensive line. So it is evident a large rebuilding job will be underway this fall for coach MacIntyre's staff.

The best news is that quarterback Whit Taylor (5-11, 185) returns to call the signals and lead the Commodore offense. Taylor is a pre-season All-SEC candidate and earned that honor by completing 209 of 357 passes last year for 2,318 yards and 15 touchdowns despite missing two games with a fractured foot. One of those misses was against Alabama.

Taylor should get backup help from Kurt Page (6-0, 195) and Ardell Fuller (6-1, 184).

The chore of catching the football is a responsibility of all the backs and ends in the wide-open offense employed by the Commodores. (Last year Vandy used about 60 offensive formations, although only about 15 against Alabama because of Taylor's absence.)

Players counted on to catch the ball are tight end Allama Matthews (6-3, 225), tailback Norman Jordan (5-9, 185), fullback Ernie Goolsby (6-3, 235) split end Phil Roach (6-1, 194) and flanker Chuck Scott (6-3, 200).

With a passing offense, there must be pass protection for the quarterback. Offensive tackle Rob Monaco (6-3, 269) is the only returning starter up front.

Monaco should be joined by tackle Darrell Denson (6-6, 255) guards Pat Saindon

(6-3, 260) and Bill Fletcher (6-3, 265) while Hank Whitman (6-4, 240) should get the nod at center.

Defensively help is needed immediately at the tackle spots. Probable starters at tackle should be Willie Twyford (6-3, 253) and Mark Hermann (6-1, 250).

At the end positions, two fine starters return, John Clemens (6-4, 240) and Steve Bearden (6-4, 230). Both will give stability to the flanks of the Commodore defense provided Henson has recovered from blood clots in his lung last spring that caused his weight to fall to 200.

Weakside linebacker Joe Staley (6-2, 218) returns for his final season as 1981's leading tackler with 129 tackles, including 71 solo stops.

Strongside linebacker returns two-year regular Tim Bryant (6-1, 220), while Terry Dugan (6-1, 215) should be the new middle linebacker.

The secondary returns three of four starters with safeties Manuel Young (6-0, 190) Tom Moore (6-2, 200) and cornerback Leonard Coleman (6-2, 198). The other cornerback slot is expected to be filled by Mark Matthews (6-1, 190).

Kicking always a Vandy strongpoint, sees the return of All-America candidate, Jim Arnold to punt, along with new placekicker Ricky Anderson, who handled kickoffs last season.

Commodore strengths lie in their ability to pass the football with their wide open attack while keeping opponents backed up with strong kicking game.

Alabama leads the series with 38 wins, 17 losses and 4 ties.

ARKANSAS STATE October 2

This is the first meeting between Arkansas State and Alabama and the Crimson Tide is certain to be criticized for having scheduled the Indians. However, Bama is only one of several so-called "name" opponents on the Arkansas State schedule with Mississippi State and Texas A&M also playing the Indians either this year or in future seasons. Not to belabor the point, but Arkansas State was a late addition to the Alabama schedule when it was discovered about 18 months ago that Bama's 1982 game with Rutgers didn't exist; the contract was for games only in 1980 and 1981, not for three years at Alabama officials believed.

Arkansas State is a member of the Southland Conference. The Indians are coached by former Alabama assistant coach Larry Lacewell, who previously served at Oklahoma. There are a number of college football coaches who feel coach Lacewell knows as much about the wishbone offense as anyone around, and

his Arkansas State team runs it well. Last year the Indians led the nation in rushes and were 11th in rushing offense. Coach Lacewell was defensive coordinator at Oklahoma and should be regarded as someone more than capable of coming up with a defense for Bama's wishbone, too.

Last year Arkansas State was 6-5, with two of the losses coming by one point, one by four points. Among the 40 returning lettermen are 12 returning starters.

Offensively, Arkansas State uses a two-quarterback system. Both Tim Langford, who last season was the fifth leading rusher among quarterbacks in the nation, and Rick Spivey are considered starters. Langford had 528 yards rushing, but Spivey started one more game.

Up front for the Indians will be returning starters Tommy Walker (6-1, 245) and Rob Wiles (6-4, 240) at right guard and right tackle respectively while newcomers on the left side should be guard Berry King (6-0, 220) and tackle Price Gardner (6-3, 250).

Handling the snapping chores in the middle should be center Ed Troutt (6-1, 220).

Catching the ball for Arkansas State should be tight end Anthony McKinney (6-3, 195) and split end Bryon Dunnick (5-10, 175).

Completing the backfield is All-Southland Conference fullback Maurice Carthons (6-1, 225) along with halfbacks Waddell Kelly (6-2, 200) and Dennis Walker (6-0, 200). All three are returning starters with experience.

Defensively the Indians will be trying to replace three inside linemen in the trenches.

The new tackles are expected to be Kevin Dunn (6-3, 230) and Freddy Rogers (6-2, 255) while Elroy Brown (5-10, 215) will probably get the call at nose guard.

Both ends and linebackers are returning. The ends are Gary Burton (6-4, 210) and Robert King (6-1, 200) while Jordan Boyd (6-1, 215) and Mike Morris (6-1, 210) handle linebacking duties.

There is experience at the corners with both starting cornerbacks returning, Rick Fishback (5-11, 205) and Henry Harris (5-10, 180). The safeties will probably be Chuckie Robinson (5-11, 185) and Benny McGinnis (5-9, 185).

The specialty teams should be in safe hands with All-Southland Conference punter Bruce Gartman returning with his 41.3 yard career average. Placekicker Scott McDonald will be trying to add to his string of 17 consecutive PAT's while McDonald will also be shooting to better his record 51-yard field goal.

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History of Alabama Athletics:

Looking Back With The "Flash"

by Laurie Kiely

They called him "Flash." It was John Henry Suther's quickness on the football field as a tailback for the 1928, 1929, and 1930 Crimson Tide which earned him that nickname. Today, at 74 years old, Suther's quickness is intact in his wit and memories when he recalls his years as a University of Alabama player.

Due to a menacing shoulder injury, Suther's true talent did not show during his sophomore and junior years. But in his senior season, in 1930, Suther's ability shone brightly as he helped his Southern Conference champion team to a perfect 10-0 record which included a thrilling 24-0 Rose Bowl win over Washington State. Based on his outstanding performances during that season, Suther was named to the first team All-Southern squad, to the third team Associated Press (AP) All-American squad, and was also listed as an All-American by the *New York Evening Post* and the International News Service Sports Writers Association.

"A few days before the first game coach Wallace Wade told us it was going to be his last season," relates Suther. "He told us that he had been getting pressure from some Birmingham alumni because our last two seasons had been poor. He challenged us to win every game. That got us psyched up for the whole season and we won every game."

The 1930 Tide not only won every game, during the season only 13 points were registered by opponents while the Tide tallied 247.

Before the season started coach Wade commented, "Suther looks better right now than I've ever seen him. He may be a most valuable player for us this season."

Suther fulfilled that prediction in the season-opening 45-0 win over Howard.



John Henry Suther

"Flash" scored on a 96-yard kickoff return and later answered with another touchdown on a 56-yard run.

"Playing under coach Wade was tough. We were all really scared of him, but we respected him. I think in all my years of playing he only told me I did a good job once . . . and he made sure nobody heard him say it," comments Suther.

Suther and the rest of the 1930 first team rarely started a game. Coach Wade believed in the "platoon system" of football and used it effectively throughout the season.

"The second team (known as the 'Shock Troopers') always started the game. The first team sat on the bench and watched until about halfway through the first quarter," says Suther. "Then coach Wade would call us and we would be

ready to go in. We were always rested and it inspired us to work harder and it always had a psychological effect on the other team."

It was in the 1931 Rose Bowl when coach Wade used the system to the point which frightened even the Tide first team. According to Suther, before the Rose Bowl, West Coast skeptics had questioned Alabama's ability and whether or not they should be playing the bowl game at all. Some felt it was pure luck the Tide had won a previous Rose Bowl game and tied another.

"When the game began I was afraid the critics were going to be right. But not because we couldn't beat Washington State, but because coach Wade wouldn't put the first team in," recalls Suther. "The first team had been fooling around on the train trip to California and Wade threatened not to let us play. We all sat on the bench during the first quarter and watched the second team ('Shock Troopers') play. He usually put us in then, but we still were sitting during the second quarter. We all thought he was following through with his threat. Finally, with seven minutes left in the first half coach Wade put us in."

It didn't take long after the first team entered the game for the Tide to start racking up its 24 unanswered points. And it was Suther who started the rally when he scored on a 22-yard pass from Jimmy Moore. "Flash" started the game with a touchdown and ended it without four of his teeth.

"Scoring that Rose Bowl touchdown was the biggest thrill in my life," confesses Suther. "After sitting on the bench for almost half the game we got on the field and were ready to win. I got hit

minutes before the game was over and lost my teeth, but I'll never forget that touchdown."

That incredible touchdown is among the many memories of Suther's football career. Some of his most precious memories come from his high school playing days at Tuscaloosa High. During Suther's prep days under coach Paul Burnum, the Black Bears did not lose a game. At the close of Suther's senior season, coach Burnam challenged any high school team in the nation to face his squad. A team from Chicago's Senn High came to Tuscaloosa to take on Suther and his teammates.

"There were about 15,000 people at the game. The Chicago boys were cocky and were convinced that it was going to be an easy game for them. But when it was all over they went back North with a 42-0 loss. They didn't even make a first down," chuckles Suther.

When Suther graduated from Tuscaloosa High he never thought about going anywhere except Alabama. So when he was offered the standard scholarship of \$17.50 per semester for tuition and \$16.50 per year for room and board, he naturally accepted. He went to Alabama as the most highly touted athlete ever to put on a Crimson Tide uniform.

"There have been a lot of changes in the game of football since my day," observes Suther. "We played 11-man football so we were playing both offense and defense and that makes the game a lot tougher because you are going at it all the time. We didn't have free substitutions like they do today. If you came out during the quarter you couldn't go back in until the start of the next quarter. So if you were hurt you played because you didn't want to wait until the next quarter."

Suther also has witnessed numerous changes in the game due to equipment. He remembers wearing short pants, heavy shoes, and leather helmets. Although the pants he wore made him more mobile than those worn today, he, and everyone else, were slowed because their shoes were so heavy it was hard to run. Suther sees the pads worn today as a luxury compared to the unprotective uniform and helmet he donned on Saturday afternoons.

"The equipment was so different now than when I was playing. We had little or no protection. Even the ball was different. We didn't pass as much because the ball was rounder and heavier and not many people could throw the ball because it was hard to grab hold of," explains Suther.



John Henry "Flash" Suther grabs the first touchdown pass of the 1931 Rose Bowl. Suther and his teammates capped off a perfect 1930 season with a 24-0 Rose Bowl win over Washington State. University of Alabama Photo

"I really think the biggest change is in the type of boys who play ball. We were more dedicated than many who play today. Most of us grew up the hard way and we knew what it took to deserve to win. We thought more about football than anything else," relates Suther. "We didn't have the distractions that kids have today. We didn't let our minds wander off. We thought about football all the time. Nobody drank and nobody smoked. But some players did chew," Suther adds with a grin.

The jovial Suther accepts the changes and is still an avid Crimson Tide fan. After graduating from Alabama, he coached high school football for 14 years. He returned to Tuscaloosa and served as sheriff and then worked in the insurance business for 20 years. Now, retired in Tuscaloosa, he spends much of his time playing golf. And, if prompted, he will spend time telling hilarious tales of the football days of "Flash" Suther. They are tales of victory which should never be forgotten.

BAMA SCORECARD

Transfers

The transfer news in the final days of August was interesting. Two football players actively recruited by Alabama in past years transferred in to the Capstone, but one was unable to participate because of illness and the status of the other was questionable. Additionally, the Alabama basketball team added a transfer.

Following the 1979 season defensive back Charley Kerr of Plant High School in Tampa, Florida was recruited coast-to-coast. He was a first team prep All-America as a 6-5, 219-pound free safety on an undefeated team and no opponent scored on a touchdown pass in his junior and senior seasons. Florida won the recruiting battle for Kerr, but he left during his freshman year, having seen only limited duty on special teams. He returned to the Gators for 1981 spring training, but left again prior to the 1981 season. He will have to sit out this season, then will have two years of eligibility remaining at Alabama. He was unable to participate in early Bama drills because of illness, although he was expected to participate later.

One of Alabama's top prospects following the 1980 season was 6-6, 235-pound tight end Thornton Chandler of Jacksonville, Florida. He was considered a top prospect in both football and basketball and elected to attend his father's alma mater, Florida A&M, where it was rumored he would attempt to be a two-sport man. He started the first two games at tight end as a freshman last year, but then was injured (a hairline fracture in his finger) and was unable to practice. A Florida A&M spokesman said Chandler had an outstanding spring, emerging not only as the top tight end but as the first "true" tight end A&M had had in several years. He transferred to Alabama this summer and took part in conditioning drills. However, he left the team following the first day of work in pads, although he reportedly plans to attend Alabama this year and return to the Bama team at some point. Beginning next season he would then have three years of eligibility remaining.

Basketball has added Darrell Smith, a

6-7, 215-pound center-forward from Tennessee-Martin, where new Bama assistant Art Tolis was head coach last year. Smith was a two-year starter at Martin and as a freshman was the eighth-leading rebounder in NCAA Division II competition with an average of 11.7 per game (including a one-game school record of 27). Smith, who is from Memphis, averaged 10.9 points and 8.4 rebounds last year. He had 17 points and 12 rebounds against Alabama last December. He will have to sit out this season, then will have two years eligibility beginning in the 1983-84 season.

Playbacks

Although live network telecasts of Alabama's 1982 football games have not been announced beyond the Auburn game November 27, some information on delayed playbacks is available.

ESPN, the sports cable network, will replay Alabama games with Ole Miss, Penn State and LSU (despite the fact the Penn State game is almost a certainty for CBS network presentation).

USA Cable, as well as some 18 independent stations in the South and Midwest, will air Alabama's opener against Georgia Tech on a delayed basis.

Incidentally, although ABC lists the Alabama-Auburn game as an 11 a.m. (CST) kickoff, Alabama says kickoff actually won't be until 11:30 a.m., following a pre-game show.

Jayvee Schedule

Once upon a time there was great interest in freshman football because those four or five games a year were the only opportunities for fans to see the young men who had been so highly-recruited out of high school the previous year. In 1972 a new rule made freshmen eligible for varsity play, creating junior varsity rather than freshman teams. Much of the interest in these games was lost because the top freshmen could now be seen in varsity play. In 1978 the NCAA passed a rule allowing redshirting of freshmen and most schools, Alabama included, staffed the junior varsity teams primarily with walkons, and interest dropped to a new low. That rule was rescinded after one

year but has been reinstated this year. The lack of interest in the junior varsity program now is reflected in Alabama's jayvee schedule. Both Ole Miss and Auburn, traditional opponents in junior varsity competition, elected not to play Alabama this year. The Tide was finally able to work up a four-game schedule, including two contests with Marion Institute. The schedule: September 24 at Marion, 7 p.m.; October 1 at Fort Benning, 7:30 p.m.; October 15 at Livingston, 1 p.m.; November 15 Marion in Tuscaloosa at 1:30 p.m.

Gatson Returns

Darroll Gatson, a national champion in the indoors mile relay at Alabama in 1978, has joined the Crimson Tide track and field staff as an assistant coach. Holder of the school record in the 400 meters, 45.12 seconds, he graduated from Alabama in 1980 and has served the last two years on the track and field coaching staff at Southwestern Michigan.

While at Alabama, Gatson competed in three events, the mile relay, the 400 meters and 4 x 100 sprint relay. He is expected to work with sprinters and jumpers on the staff of coach John Mitchell at Alabama.

Gatson is a native of Detroit, Michigan, where he earned acclaim as a star at East Catholic High School. He competed on a state championship mile relay team at East Catholic and was state runnerup in the 400 meters.

Gatson, 26, is single.

He replaces Tide assistant Bob McMahon, who has been named head track coach at Magnolia (Arkansas) High School.

Additionally, Nick Kyros has been added to the staff with primary responsibility for women's track and field. He replaces Barry Colburn, who has been named assistant track and field coach at Richmond.

Record Work

Bobby Lee Hurt, a 6-foot-9 center on the Alabama basketball team, has earned a spot in a record book. A sophomore from Huntsville, he had 44 rebounds in four games to set a National Sports

Festival record recently in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Also, Hurt helped the South team to a 3-1 record and the championship in the event that features the top young (no older than upcoming college sophomores) amateur players in the country on a training ground for possible participation in Olympic Games. Averaging 19.5 points per game, Hurt finished second to Ed Pickeney of Villanova in balloting for most valuable player honors. South coach Nolan Richardson of the University of Tulsa called the MVP balloting a "gross misjustice," pointing out that his choice for the honor was Hurt.

Joining Hurt and Pickeney, who played for the East team, on the all-tournament team were Curtis Hunter, an incoming freshman at North Carolina; Johnny Dawkins, an incoming freshman at Duke; and Eric Turner of Michigan.

Magadan Shines

Alabama's all-star third baseman David Magadan, beginning his junior season, had another outstanding summer performance. Magadan, who earned a spot in the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, New York last year after being named American Legion Player of the Year, played in the Collegiate Summer League in Alaska this year. He led the Peninsula Oilers of Kenai with a .351 batting average, which ranked him third in the league. He led the league in doubles with 14 and was second in runs batted in and in fewest times struck out.

Naves Moves Up

Former Alabama assistant baseball coach Gary Naves has been named head baseball coach at Georgia State in Atlanta. Georgia State is an NCAA Division I baseball team.

Appointments

Two top sports positions in Birmingham have recently been filled by men with Alabama athletics backgrounds.

Jim Simmons, a tackle on Alabama's 1962-64 teams and later a graduate assistant football coach, has been named executive director of the Hall of Fame Bowl. Simmons had been serving as general sales manager and director of operations at Concol Pipe, Inc. in Birmingham. Prior to that he had been sales manager in the Recreational Surfaces Group of the Monsanto Corporation. His primary responsibilities with Monsanto involved sales of AstroTurf football fields, including surfaces on Alabama's practice field and at Bryant-Denny Stadium and at Legion Field in Birmingham, where the Hall of Fame Bowl is played.



Al Miller has joined the Alabama staff as strength coach, succeeding Mike Marks who accepted a similar position at North Carolina. Miller was strength coach at Northeast Louisiana last year and at Mississippi State in 1980. He was a four-year football letterman as a split end at Northeast Louisiana.

Joel Barnes Photo

Hayden Riley, who was a three-sport performer and coach at Alabama, has been named commissioner of the Gulf South Conference, whose headquarters are in Birmingham. Riley played football, basketball and baseball at Alabama 1946-48, served as an assistant football coach and assistant athletics director, and was head basketball coach (1960-68) and head baseball coach (1970-79) before stepping down because of poor health. For the past three years he has served as director of corporate relations in The University's office of development. The Gulf South Conference includes Jacksonville State, Livingston, Troy State and North Alabama in Alabama; Delta State and Mississippi College in Mississippi; Tennessee-Martin in Tennessee; and Valdosta State in Georgia.

Winston State

After a bit of confusion, first round pairings have been finalized for the Winston Tire Holiday Basketball Classic in Los Angeles. Alabama will meet host Southern Cal at 8 p.m. PST (10 p.m. CST) following a 6 p.m. game between Georgetown and Wisconsin Tuesday, December 28.

Losers will meet in the consolation game at 6 p.m. PST Wednesday, December 29, followed by the championship game at 8 p.m. PST.

The original pairings had Bama meeting Georgetown in the opening game. Now in order for Bama's Bobby Lee Hurt to go up against Georgetown's Pat Ewing both Alabama and Georgetown will have to either win or lose opening round games.

Cross Country

Alabama's cross country team will participate in six invitational meets this year, two of them on Bama's home course at University Golf Course. Both men's and women's teams have the same schedules. Alabama will host meets to open and close the regular season, on September 18 and October 23. In between the Tide will participate in the Western Kentucky Invitational September 25, the Virginia Invitational October 2, the Indiana Invitational October 9 and the LSU Invitational October 16.

The Southeastern Conference championships will be November 6 at Georgia, the NCAA Regionals November 13 at Greenville, South Carolina and the NCAA championships at Indiana November 22.

Letters To The Editor

Dear 'BAMA,

I would like to submit some questions to the Editor: Why doesn't Alabama have night football games in Tuscaloosa? When was the last football game played at night in Tuscaloosa? Will future football games be played at night in Tuscaloosa? Also, I would like to know if past issues of 'BAMA can be purchased.

Richard Hartley
Mobile

While the athletics department has not ruled out the possibility of playing night football games at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, the chances of that happening are not good. It is the opinion of the athletics department that night games create travel hardships for Alabama fans. The last time Alabama played a night game in Tuscaloosa was September 20, 1975, when the Crimson Tide defeated Clemson 56-0. That came 12 days after a 7-20 loss to Missouri in a season-opening night game in Birmingham. Alabama went on to post an 11-1 record. On November 17, 1979 Alabama defeated Miami 30-0 in a televised game in Tuscaloosa. That game started in late afternoon and ended in early night.

Past issues, if available, can be purchased for \$2.50 by writing BAMA at P.O. Box 6104, University, AL 35486.

Dear 'BAMA,

I believe all of your readers would appreciate you printing the Tide's football schedule for the next seven or eight years. I once carried a schedule in my wallet that covered the next season or eight years, and it is extremely interesting to see who Bama's opponents that far in advance will be. But I haven't seen a schedule like that for a long time.

Jack Miller
Pensacola, Florida

Although Alabama's football schedules through the remainder of the decade are somewhat complete, the athletic department has not announced schedules past the 1985 season (and even the 1984 and 1985 schedules are missing one game). Here, however, are the 1983, 1984 and 1985 schedules as they now read:

1983—Sept. 10 at Georgia Tech, S. 17 Mississippi, S. 24 at Vanderbilt, Oct. 1 Memphis State, O. 8 at Penn State, O. 15 Tennessee, O. 22 Boston College, O. 29 Mississippi State, Nov. 5 at Louisiana State, N. 12 Southern Mississippi, N. 26 Auburn at Birmingham.

1984—Sept. 8 Georgia Tech, S. 15 at Boston College, S. 22 at Mississippi, S. 29 Vanderbilt, Oct. 6 Georgia, O. 13 Penn State, O. 20 at Tennessee, Nov. 3 at Mississippi State, N. 10 Louisiana State, N. 17 (pending), Dec. 1 Auburn at Birmingham.

1985—Sept. 14 Texas A&M, S. 21 Mississippi, S. 28 at Vanderbilt, Oct. 5 at Georgia, O. 12 at Penn State, O. 19 Tennessee, O. 26 at Memphis State, Nov. 2 Mississippi State, N. 9 at Louisiana State, N. 16 (pending), N. 30 Auburn at Birmingham.

Dear 'BAMA,

My name is Lt. John L. Churchill. I am in the U.S. Army stationed in Turkey, and I am an avid Alabama fan. Since I am serving my country in Turkey, I am forced to miss this season. But there is some hope, if I can get some help from you. I am hoping to enjoy a No. 1 season while stationed here.

Do you know of anybody who uses a VHS (video home system) to tape Alabama games? If so, I would be interested in getting in touch with them. I am willing to pay postage and to return the tapes after viewing them. Such would be a great morale boost for many soldiers stationed here.

John L. Churchill
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In an effort to help, we are running a complete mailing address for Lt. Churchill.

Dear 'BAMA,

As an enthusiastic Alabama fan, I would like to tell you that Alabama has thousands and thousands of fans in our area. I also listen to a radio station in New Orleans, and it seems that even with Tulane and LSU near there, there are a lot of Alabama fans there, as well. Alabama is a household name here in Florida, even with the likes and Florida and Florida State, two powerhouses in their own rights.

I never watched college football until I saw Alabama, and I now like it just as much as pro, if not more. I love the wishbone (offensive formation), and with the passing attack Alabama is going to have, I am excited about this season. Never do away with the wishbone.

John Benaquis
Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

While more versatility is planned on offense this football season, it is doubtful Alabama will abandon the wishbone formation in the near future. Coach Bryant likes the success his teams have had with the wishbone since 1971.

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Dear 'BAMA,

Where is the road headquarters for the Georgia Tech game? When will the 1982 Alabama press guide be available?

Bert Teasley
Monticello, Florida

Alabama will headquarter at the Riviera in Atlanta for the Georgia Tech game. Other road headquarters this year are: Coliseum Ramada in Jackson for Ole Miss, Holiday Inn University Center in Knoxville for Tennessee, Metro Ramada in Jackson for Mississippi State, and Ramada Central in Birmingham for four games.

The 1982 press guide is available. Guides are \$5.00 each (make check or money order payable to The University of Alabama) and may be ordered by writing Press Guide, Sports Information Office, P.O. Box K, University, AL 35486.

Dear 'BAMA,

As you indicated in the August issue of 'BAMA, most of the football preview magazines obtain their information from the same sports information departments. Why does each of the publications report varying physical dimensions for players if they receive the same information. As an example, *Athlon* reported Doug Vickers to be 6-3, 239. However, *Game Plan* reported 6-3, 255 and *Gary Austin's Preview* reported 6-3, 244 for a variance of 16 pounds among the three. Joe Beazley's reported weight ranged from 250 to 265 pounds.

Fred Morris
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Although these publications receive information from the same place, they don't necessarily receive the same information. That could be because of the type of information they request (a previous year's press guide as opposed to a post spring training report to cite an extreme) or simply because the request is filled at different times. Using Doug Vickers as an example: He was listed as 6-3, 239 in the 1981 Alabama football press guide. He was 6-3, 244 in the Cotton Bowl press guide. He was 6-3, 248 in last spring's rosters. And he's 6-3, 248 in this fall's pre-season rosters. He came in for fall drills at 6-3, 245. He says his weight since coming to Alabama has ranged from 239 to 255.

Dear 'BAMA,

Contrary to your note on page 27 in the August issue of 'BAMA, the National Sports Festival was held in Indianapolis, Indiana and not in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Bobby Lee Hurt, incidentally, performed impressively and was elected to the All-Tournament Team. He also represented his team in the presentation ceremonies on the top step of the awards platform.

Jere D. Guin
Kokomo, Indiana

'BAMA stands corrected. Practice for the National Sports Festival was held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The actual competition which featured Hurt, as well as Alabama athletes in swimming and track and field, was held in Indianapolis.

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Sept. 11	ALABAMA	Southern Miss	@ Memphis St.	@ Miss. St.	Maryland
Sept. 18	Citadel	ALABAMA	@ North Carolina	Chattanooga	Rutgers
Sept. 25	@ Memphis St.	@ Arkansas	@ ALABAMA	@ South. Ill.	Nebraska
Oct. 2	@ North Carolina		Tulane	@ ALABAMA	
Oct. 9	@ Tulane	@ Georgia	Florida	@ SW Louisiana	@ ALABAMA
Oct. 16	@ Auburn	TCU	@ Georgia	NE Louisiana	Syracuse
Oct. 23	Tennessee	@ Vanderbilt	Ole Miss	McNeese St.	@ West Virginia
Oct. 30	Duke	@ LSU		Louisiana Tech	@ Boston College
Nov. 6	Virginia	Tulane	@ Kentucky	@ Lamar	@ Notre Dame
Nov. 13	@ Wake Forest	Tennessee	Va. Tech	Arlington	No. Carolina St.
Nov. 20		Miss. St.	Chattanooga		
Nov. 27	@ Georgia		Tennessee	@ Memphis St.	Pittsburgh
DATE	TENNESSEE	CINCINNATI	MISS. STATE	LSU	SOUTHERN MISS
Sept. 4	Duke	@ FSU	@ Tulane		NE Louisiana
Sept. 11	Iowa State	Louisville	Arkansas St.		@ Ole Miss
Sept. 18			@ Memphis St.	Oregon St.	@ Auburn
Sept. 25	@ Auburn	Youngstown St.	@ Florida	Rice	FSU
Oct. 2	Washington St.	@ So. Carolina	Georgia	@ Florida	Memphis St.
Oct. 9	@ LSU	Long Beach St.	Southern Miss	Tennessee	Miss. St.
Oct. 16	ALABAMA	@ Memphis St.	@ Miami	@ Kentucky	@ Tulane
Oct. 23	@ Georgia Tech	@ ALABAMA	Auburn	So. Carolina	Louisville
Oct. 30		@ Temple	ALABAMA	Ole Miss	SW Louisiana
Nov. 6	Memphis St.			@ ALABAMA	
Nov. 13	@ Ole Miss	Morgan State	LSU	@ Miss. State	@ ALABAMA
Nov. 20	Kentucky	Miami (Ohio)	Ole Miss	FSU	Louisiana Tech
Nov. 27	@ Vanderbilt	@ Miami		Tulane	

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Auburn	149	144	14	.508
Florida	118	147	14	.448
Kentucky	95	180	12	.352
Miss. State	97	185	11	.350
Vanderbilt	81	197	17	.303

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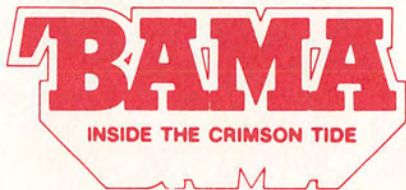
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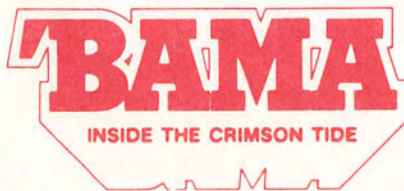
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